A SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING THE
PREPARATION OF A PATENT APPLICATION

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer program and a computer fir drafting a patent application including a template memory for storing and duplication standard headings and paragraphs of a patent and which interacts with other memories and processors to provide a structure and process to follow in preparing a patent application. An independent claim processor **(12)** duplicates an independent claim under the heading SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES and edits same into a grammatically correct sentence structure. A multiple claim processor **(14)** duplicates all of the claims under the heading DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT and edits same into grammatically correct sentence structure. Also included are a reference number memory **(16)**, which stores successive even numerals beginning with the number ten, and a Figure number memory **(18)**, which stores the highest Figure number used to identify Figures of the drawings. A reference number processor **(20)** is responsive to the Figure number memory **(18)** for searching and adding an reference numerals to the element names in the order of occurrence. An abstract processor **(22)** is included for selecting and storing and duplicating abstract sentences into the abstract from the description. A parenthesis processor **(24)** is included for automatically enclosing each reference numeral within parentheses in the claims and in the abstract.

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